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DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing Great Southern Bank in Springfield.

Dennis James Godfrey, 49, currently in state custody on an unrelated matter, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed on November 27, 2002.

The indictment alleges that on November 26, 2002, **Godfrey** took, by intimidation, money belonging Great Southern Bank, 2410 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, Mo. According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, the bank robber's description and vehicle license plate information were given to the Springfield Police Department. **Godfrey** was stopped by a detective from the Springfield, Mo., Police Department shortly afterward, Graves said, and subsequently arrested.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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